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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN-CHINESE RELATIONS

1. A GYMNASTIC TEAM FROM THE ROC IS IN BULGARIA TO COMPETE AT AN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN VARNA. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR OKADA TELLS US THAT THE BULGARIAN ORGANIZERS ASKED HIM TO PROCURE A KUOMINTAN FAG (WHICH HE DID) AND INCIDENTALLY REVEALED THE FOLLOWING EPISODE.

2. IT SEEMS THAT BEFORE CALLING THE JAPANESE, THE BULGARIANS CALLED THE PRC AMBASSADOR AND INQUIRED IF HE COULD FURNISH THEM WITH A FLAG OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THE CONVERSATION TERMINATED WHEN AMBASSADOR CHAO, AFTER SOME SPUTTERING, SLAMMED DOWN THE TELEPHONE.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW, AND NEITHER DOES OKADA, IF FOREGOING WAS AN INTENTIONAL PROVOCATION BY THE BULGARIANS. FRENCH AMBASSADOR INFORMS US THAT THE ALBANIAN RADIO LATELY HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY VIRULENT IN ITS DENUNCIATION OF BULGARIA AND ITS ALLEGED "IMPERIALISM" IN THE BALKANS.
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